

House Resolution 778

By: Representative Gurtler of the 8<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Sheriff Jay Vernon Chastain, Sr.; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law enforcement officers with the untimely passing of Sheriff Jay Vernon Chastain, Sr., on December 8, 1974; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Sheriff Jay Vernon Chastain, Sr., was born on February 22, 1927, a beloved son of William Joseph Chastain and Nola Jane Shook Chastain; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Sheriff Chastain was highly regarded by the citizens of his community and state and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the sound principles of law enforcement; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he served with honor and distinction as Towns County Sheriff, and his life was tragically taken in the line of duty while he heroically carried out the difficult responsibilities of his vocation; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Sheriff Chastain exhibited extraordinary devotion to public service, outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all of his duties; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he will long be remembered for his inspiring commitment to the welfare of others, which stands as a shining example of the positive effect law enforcement professionals have on the lives and well-being of others.
- 18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Sheriff Chastain and express their most sincere condolences at his passing.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
22 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
23 family of Sheriff Jay Vernon Chastain, Sr.